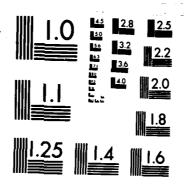
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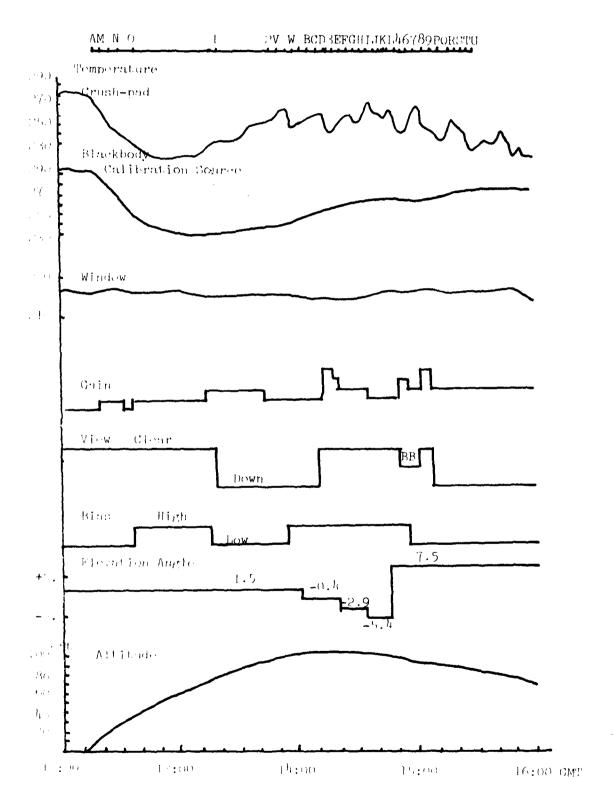
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SCRIBE-Oct-23-1983 interferometer was launched at 12:12 GMT from Holloman AFB ,NM . The instrument package reached the ceiling altitude at approximately 14:00. The data measurement was terminated at approximately 16:00 . The parameters pertinent to the data measurement are presented collectively in Figure 1. The on-board instrument functioned satisfactorily for most of this time period. The PCM telemetry data were found processable during this time except for a short period between 12:30 and 13:00. The interferometer sampling scheme worked satisfactorily. Only few interferogram data showed faulty sampling during the entire flight. Each interferogram scan took approximately 30 seconds covering the optical path difference range from 0 cm to its maximum value over 8.25 cm. The interferogram signals were recorded with adequate signal-to-noise ratio to warrant spectral recovery with a full spectral resolution figure of 0.060265

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### Radiance Calibration

The emission from the on-board blackbody calibration source was observed during 14:50 to 15:00 GMT. Its temperature of 263°K was recorded by an attached thermistor thermometer during this time period. The radiance level of the entire data for this flight was calibrated against the observed spectral data of this emission. Overall, eight interferogram data were used to extract the blackbody calibration spectra. As noticed in Figure 1, there is a considerable difference between the temperature measurements made at the two locations on the flight package, one at the blackbody source and another under the crushpad. The temperature value of 263°K seemed quite different from the temperature of the balloon environment, which was in a range of 230 to 240 K at the altitude of 95 K ft. The raw spectral data observed for the blackbody emission was averaged over eight data and further smoothed. The obtained spectrum is shown in Figure 2. spectral response of the instrument was determined by comparing the obtained curve and the blackbody radiance calculated at 263 K by

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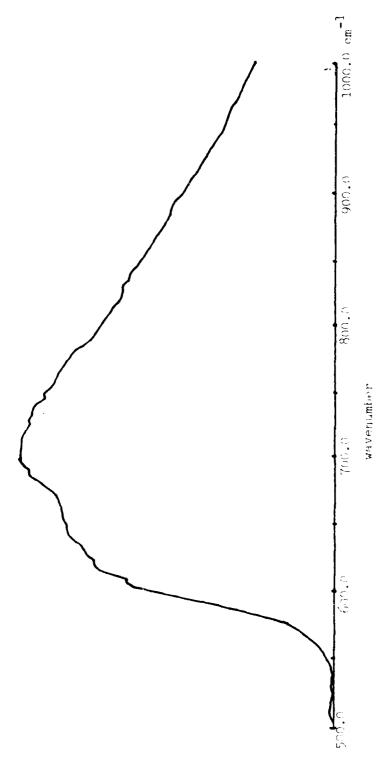


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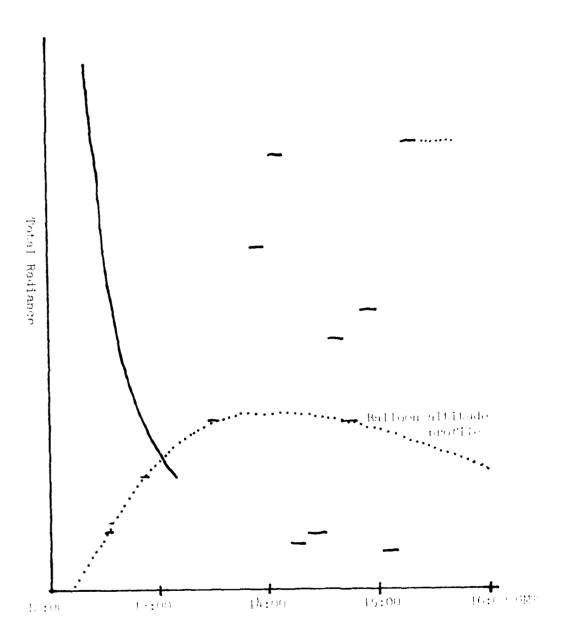


Figure :. The observes total radiace level as a function of OME. The fitted curve is for the balloon albit de.

where o is the wavenumber in cm<sup>-1</sup>. The total radiance level received for each interferogram observation is presented in Figure 4. The data are directly extracted from the central maximum value in the observed interferogram data.

Spectral Data

The obtained data may be classified into six major categories indicated below, in accordance with the elevation angle of the interferometer field of view with respect to the horizon.

I 7.5°

II 1.7°

III -0.4° tangent height = 29 km

IV -2.9° tangent height = 21 km

V -5.4 tangent height = 0.5 Km

VI -90°

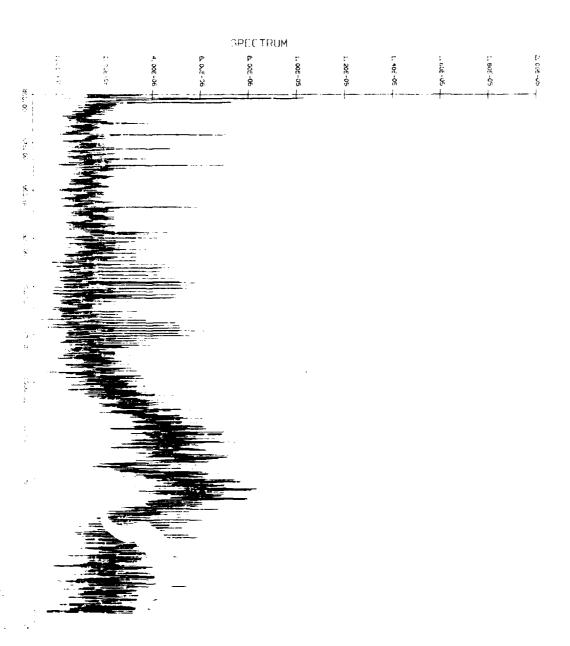
As seen in the spectrometer response curve shown in Figure 7, the spectral observation has a cut-off at approximately 575 cm<sup>-1</sup>. At the time of writing this report, the spectral data processed from the recorded interferogram data are those indicated in Figure 1. Table I lists those processed.

The balloon was launched, with the elevation angle set at

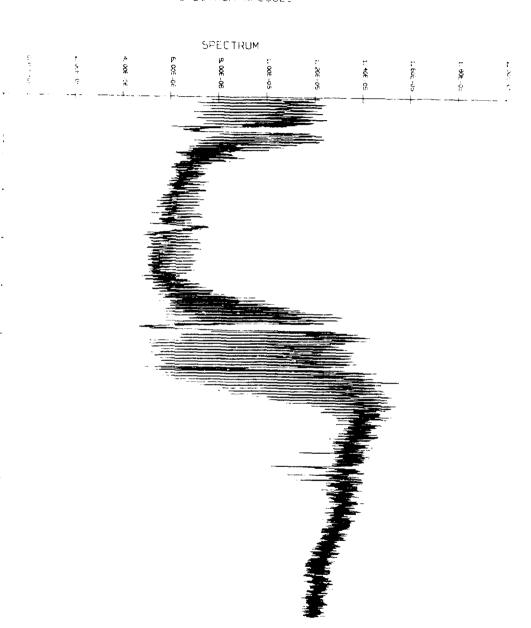
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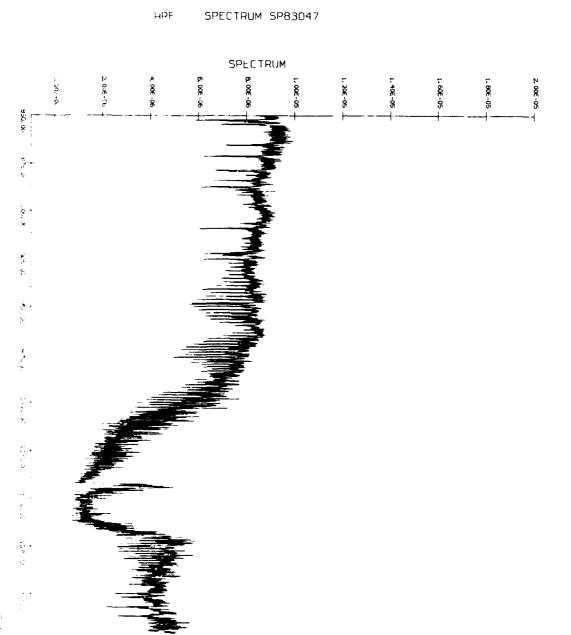


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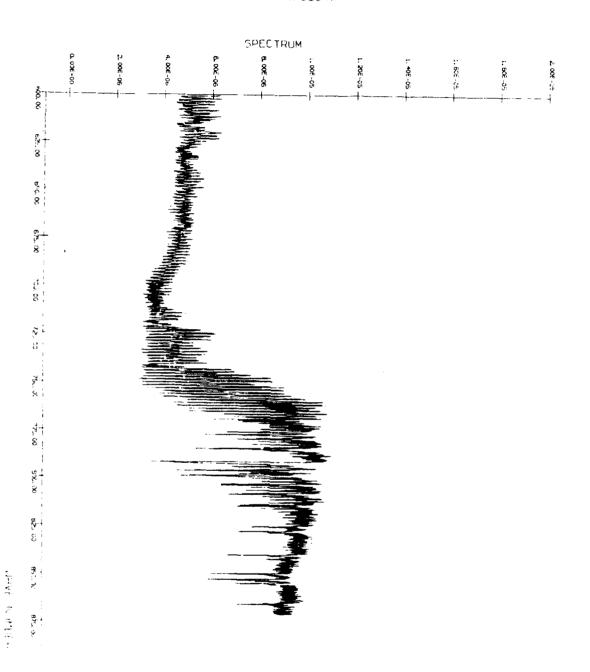
The data shown in Figures 16 and 17 were taken in the down-looking mode. The 0 and CO features are the principal absorption observable in this mode. The lines of CO 15 micron band clearly show emission characteristic, indicating that the stratospherice temperature is indeed higher than the tropopause temperature. In these down-looking spectra, some H O absorption lines are observable, although they are not many. The radiative temperature of the background is 295 degrees, higher than the background observed at an elevation angle of -5.4 degrees.

The spectral features associated with specific molecules and/or specific spectral region are found observable in specific sight conditions. For example, the HNO feature is best observable in the -2.9-degree data. Figure shows a detail of



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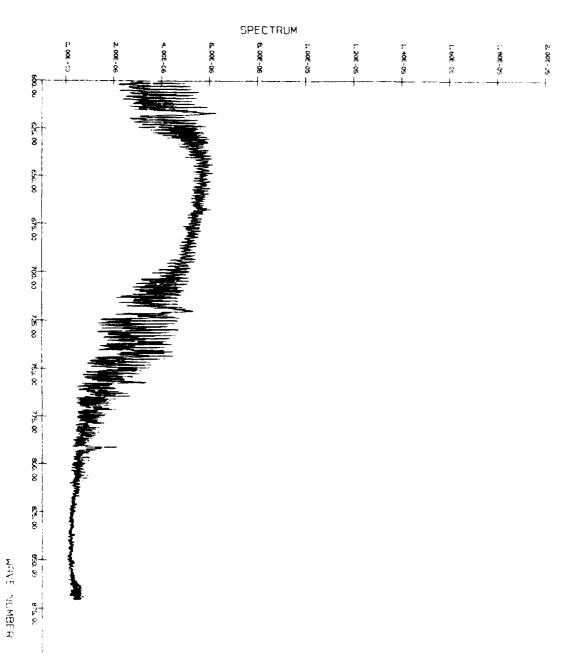


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the elevation angle set at 7.5 degrees. The observable feature is due to  $CO_{12}$  only. The disappearance of the  $O_{13}$  feature indicates that the major concentration of this molecule occupies the atmosphere below 30 Km.

The spectral data taken with an elevation angle of -2.9 degrees are shown in Figures 12 and 13. The features observable in the 880 cm-1 region are identified as the  $\nu_{\rm c}$  and  $2\nu_{\rm c}$  bands of HNO $_{\odot}$ . Inspecting together with other data, we find that the HNO $_{\odot}$  feature is seen best with the elevation angle of -2.9 degrees. The tangent height for this line of sight is approximately 20 Km. The data indicate that the HNO $_{\odot}$  molecules in the atmosphere reach maximum abundance around the tropopause.

The spectral data taken with an elevation angle of -5.4 degrees are shown in Figures 14 and 15. Most of the atmospheric lines are observable as the absorption lines against the radiative background of approximately 275 K. The emission feature is seen in the CO, v, band region, indicating that the temperature in the vicinity of the balloon is at a slightly higher temperature than the background. The HNO, features observable in the -2.9 degree data are hardly recognizable for this line of sight. We may conclude that the minor atmospheric species, in particular those formed in a thin layered structure,

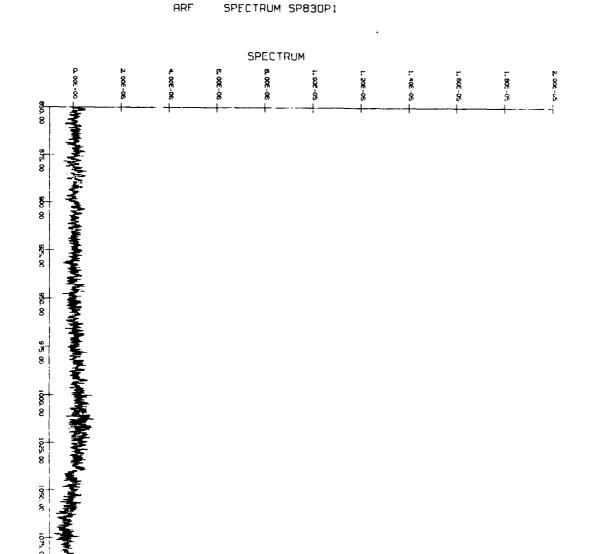
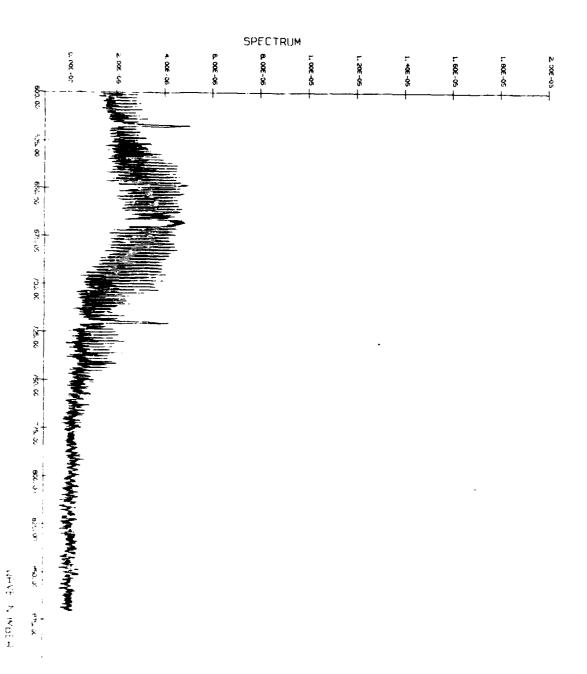


Figure 11. Spectrum observed with an elevation and (e) of 5.5 degrees, 15:06 gen; altitude on E at; F50=1100 cm  $^{-1}$ .

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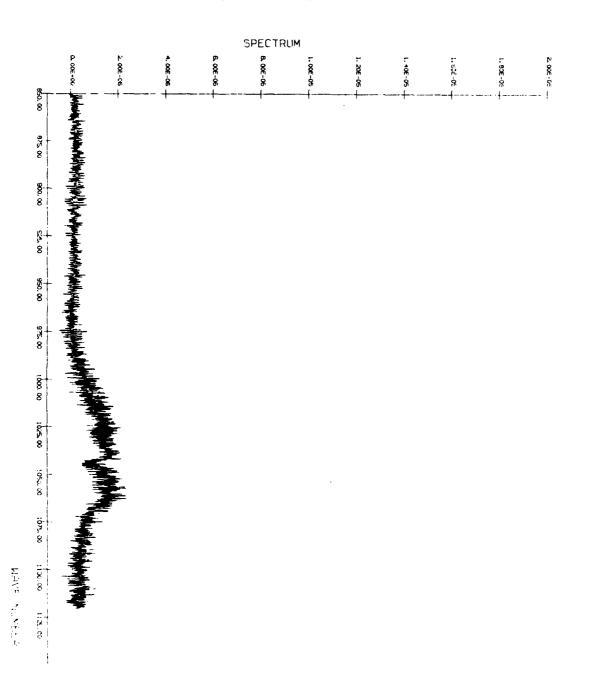
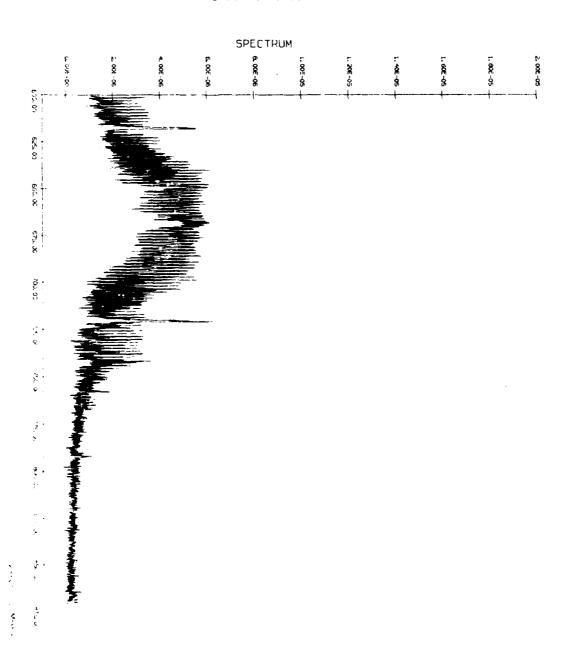


Figure 9. Spectrum observed with an elevation uncle  $\alpha^{*}$  =0.5 degrees. It is early similar of a cut; Spectrum or .

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7.5 degrees. The observation with this elevation angle continued until the balloon reached the altitude of 80 K ft. Unfortunately the PCM signal became not-processable after the balloon reached 50 K ft [ 7 PCM tape ], and remained so until the down-looking The total radiance level varied approximately by a factor of 10 as the balloon ascended from ground level to the ceiling altitude of 95K ft. Figures 4 through 7 show two typical spectra observed at relatively low altitude with an elevation angle of The Q branch of the CO  $_{_{\mathrm{O}}}\nu_{_{\mathrm{O}}}$  band at the 670 cm-1 region exhibits a radiance temperature approximately 10 degrees higher than the rest of the spectral region nearby. The opacity of this Q branch region is extremely high. The Q branch radiance value of this  ${\rm CO}_{\odot} \nu_{\odot}$  band serves as a thermometer of the immediate vicinity of the instrument. Thus it may be interpreted that the high radiative temperature shown by this Q branch emission is due to a warm air mass carried by the balloon package in its proximity.

The spectral data taken with -0.4 degree elevation angle are shown in Figures 8 and 9. The data were taken at the ceiling altitude. The 0, feature is clearly observable in the data, while no H,O lines are present.

The spectral data shown in Figure 10 and 11 were taken with

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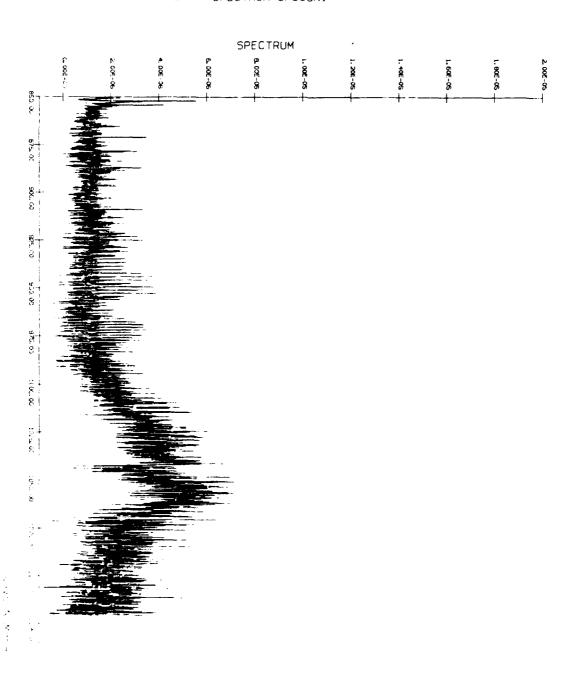
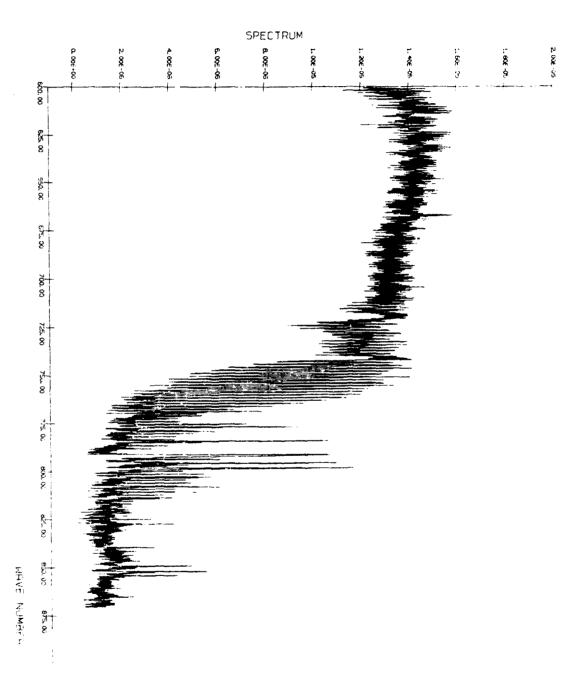


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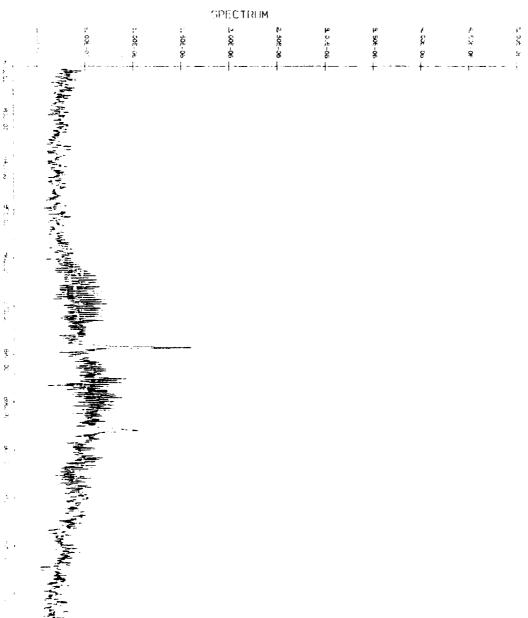
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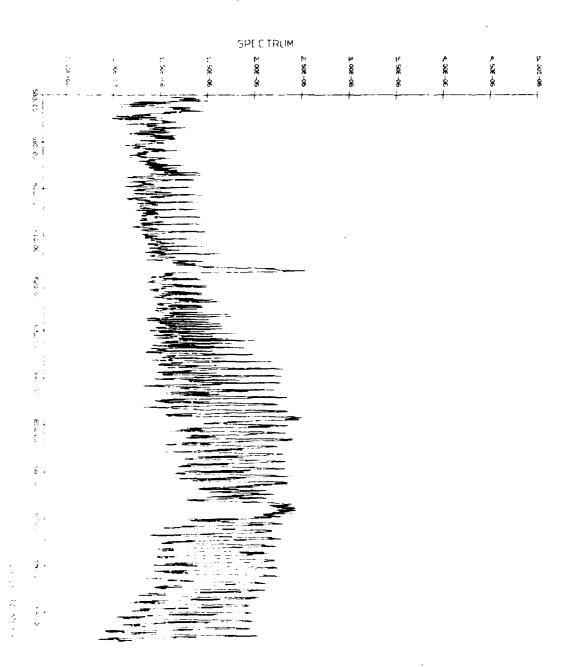
emission lines. The extremely complex structure in the 600-750 cm region is best obsevable in the 7.5-degree data. Figures 19 and 29 show this spectral region in detail. Relatively weak H<sub>2</sub>0 lines were best observed in the -5.4-degree data, as shown in Figure 21. Table III provides the wavenumber position of the observed H<sub>2</sub>0 lines. The ozone band at the 1000 cm<sup>-1</sup> region is shown in Figure 22 for its absorptive feature and Figure 23 for its emissive feature. The N<sub>2</sub>0 feature in the 1120-1200 cm<sup>-1</sup> is detailed in Figure 24. The data are noisy because of the low spectral response exhibited by the spectrometer.

The spectral data presented in this report are those typical ones obtained in this flight. A digital 9-track magnetic tape, which contains 47 spectral data taken at various phase of this experiment, is attached as a supplement to this report.

In addition several plots of some spectral data are attached for demonstrating the spectral resolution and the signal-to-noise ratio of the obtained data.

The observed emission data with an elevation angle of -0.4 degrees are compared with the theoretical data computed using the





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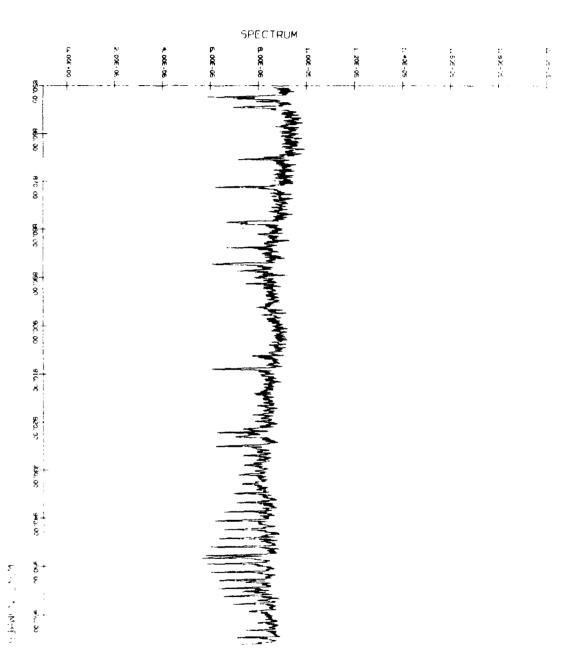
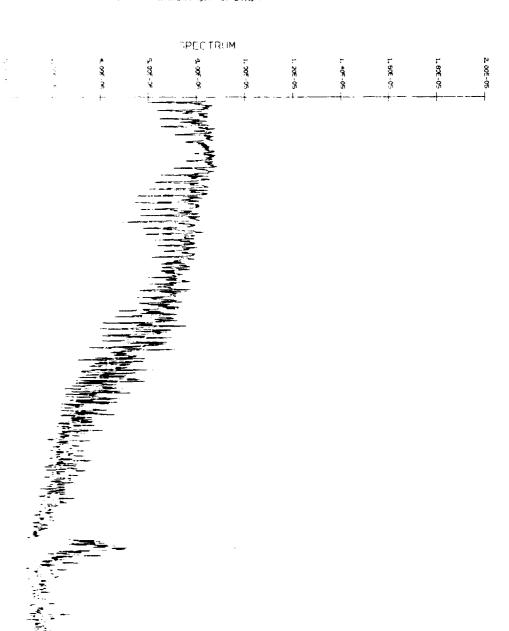
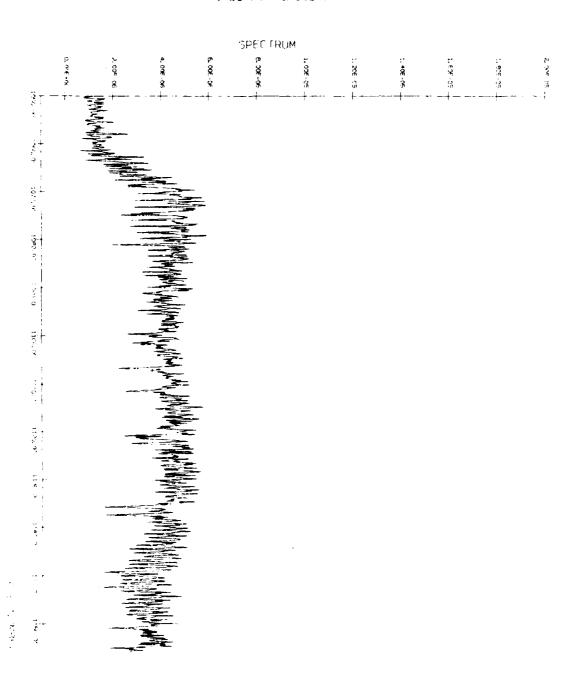


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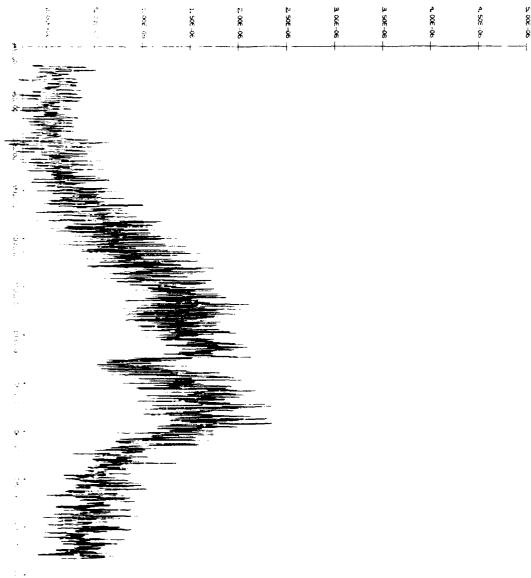
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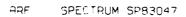


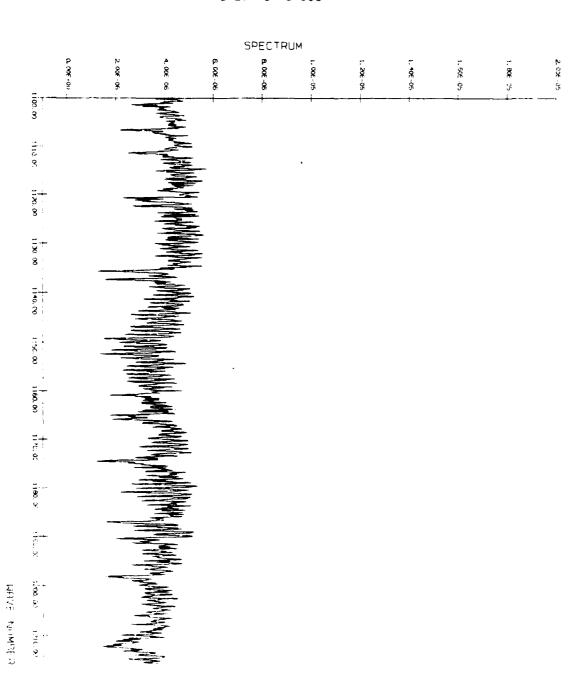
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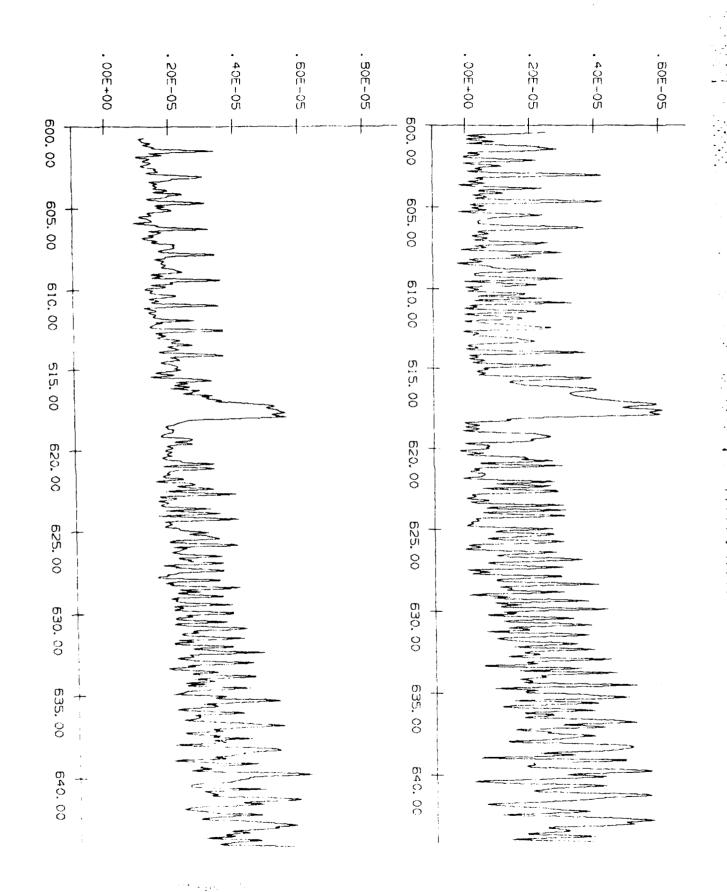


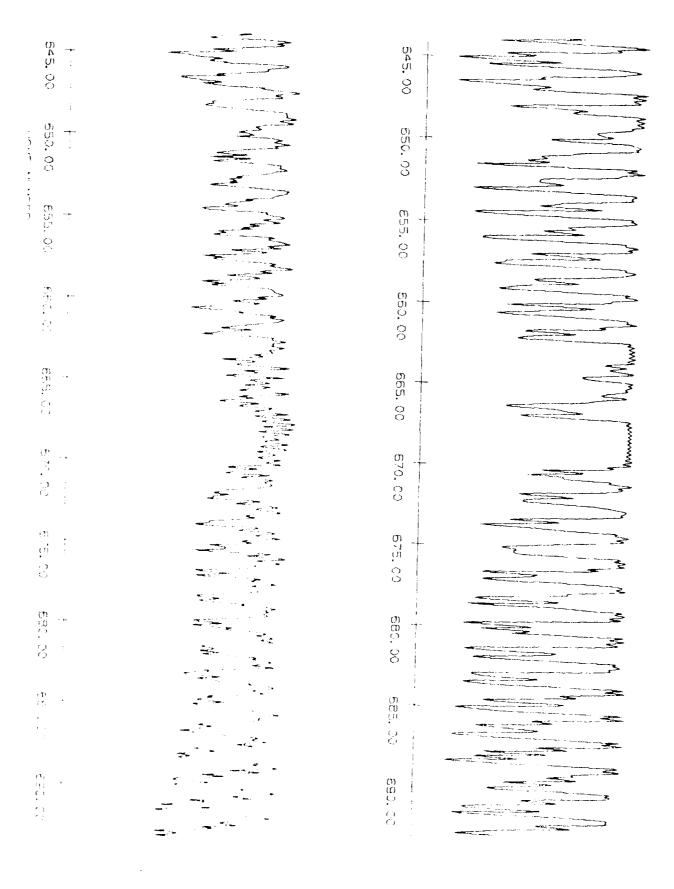
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AFGL atmospheric line compilation data in Figures 25 through 30. The lines in the synthetic spectrum are computed for the  $\rm CO_2$  column density of 8.1 x  $\rm 10^{21}$  /cm<sup>2</sup> with a pressure of 0.14 atmospheric pressure and a temperature of 230 K.

The data taken with an elevation angle of -2.9 degrees are compared with the theoretical data in Figures 31 through 36. The synthetic spectrum is generated for the  $CO_{2}$  column density of 5.8 x 10  $^{-2.9}$  /cm at 0.14 atmospheric pressure and 230 K.

In these sets, the synthetic data show that their line widths slightly broader than the observed, probably because of the higher pressure assumed in the computation. Nonetheless, these figures, the observed and the theoretical widths, should be close enough for the comparison purpose. The synthetic data prior to application of the instrument function smearing show that the lines are very narrow compared with the instrument function full width of 0.12 cm<sup>-1</sup> at the half height. Thus the data provide a good reference for the spectral resolution figure of the observed lines for the horizontal line of sight at the balloon ceiling altitude of approximately 29 km.





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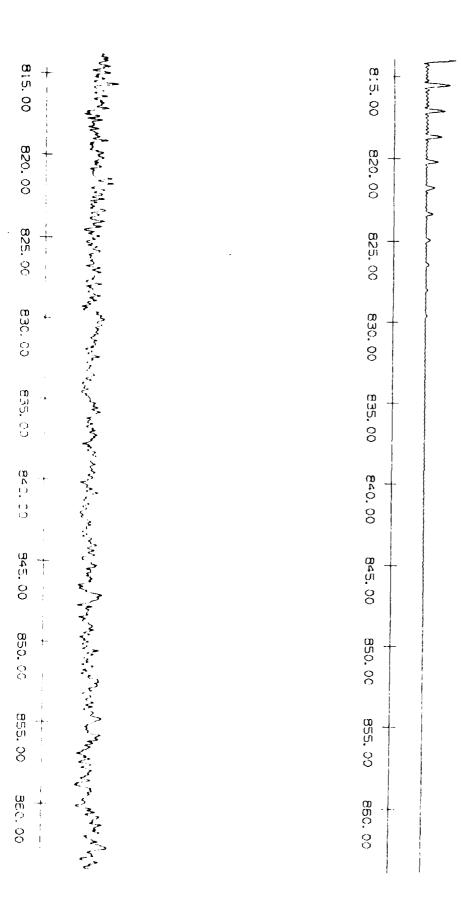
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D1- D7	14:08	95	-	D
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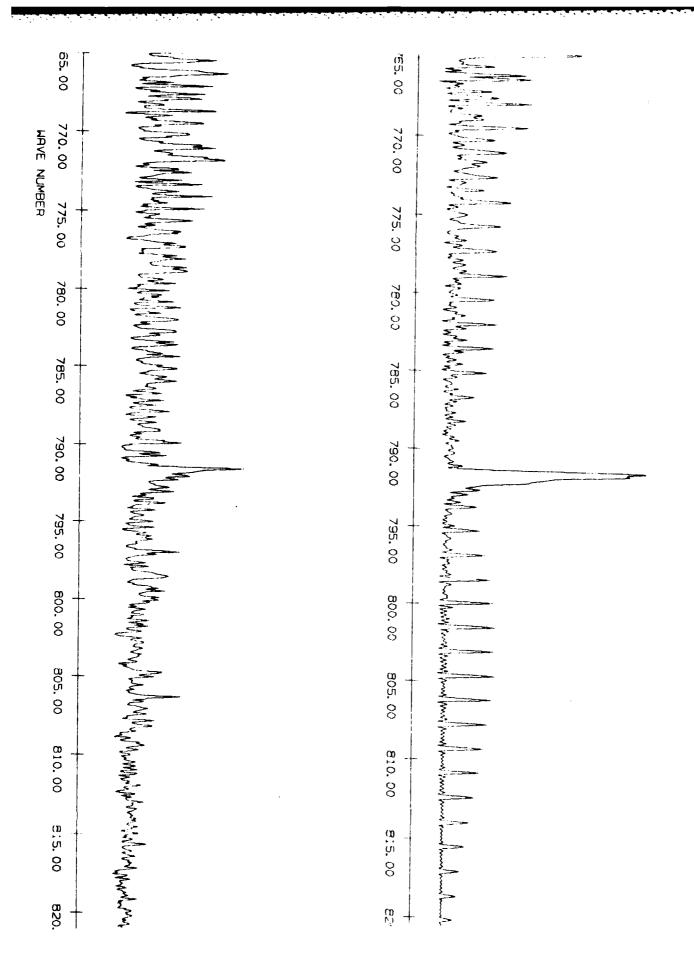
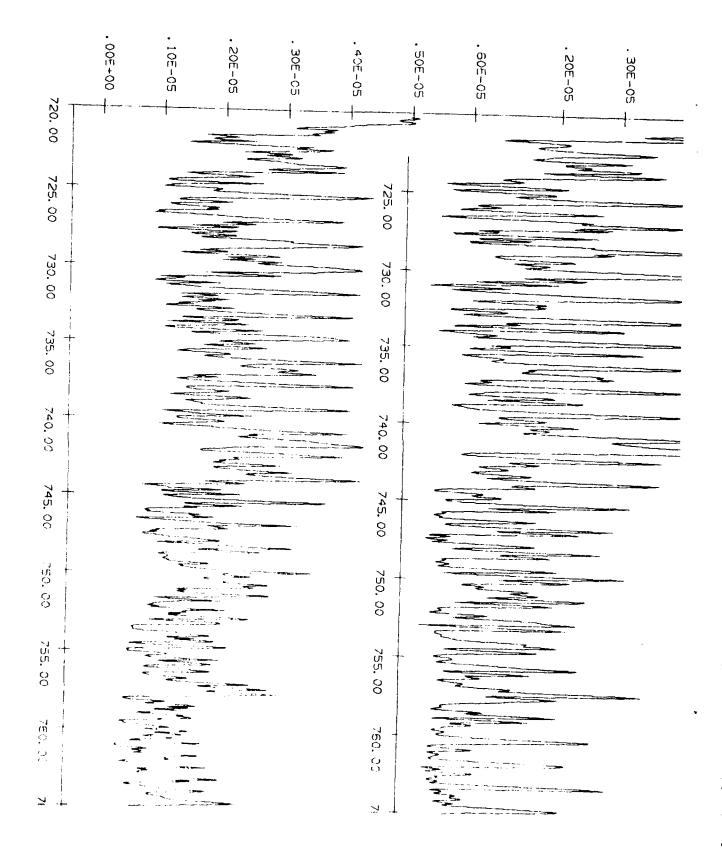
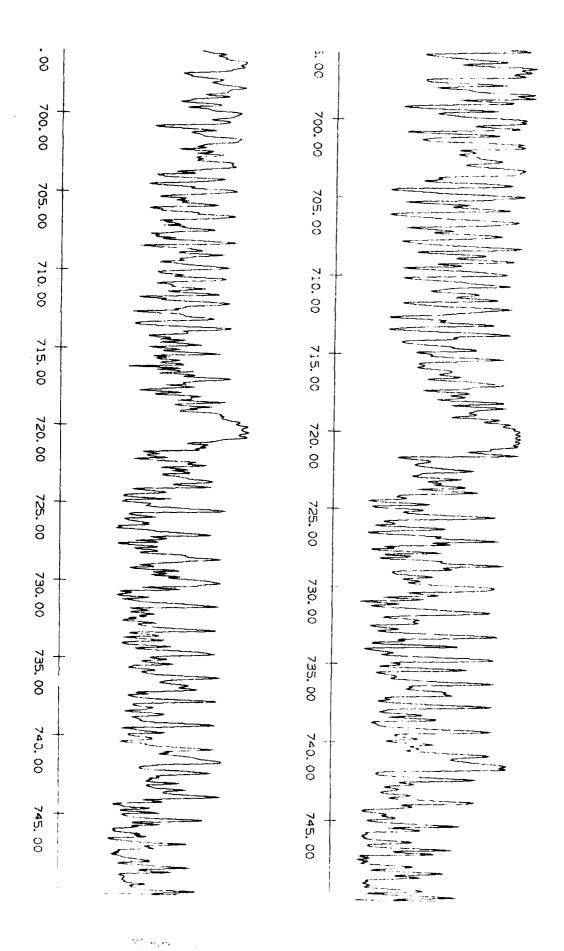
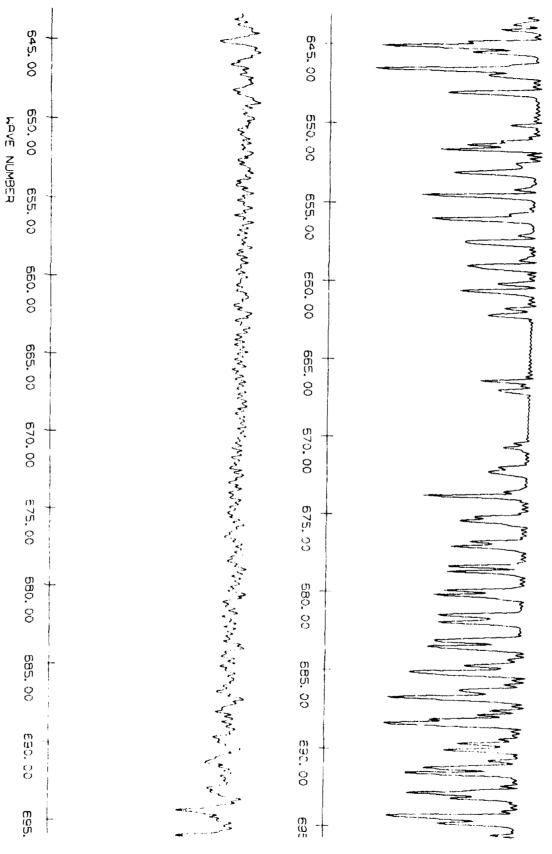


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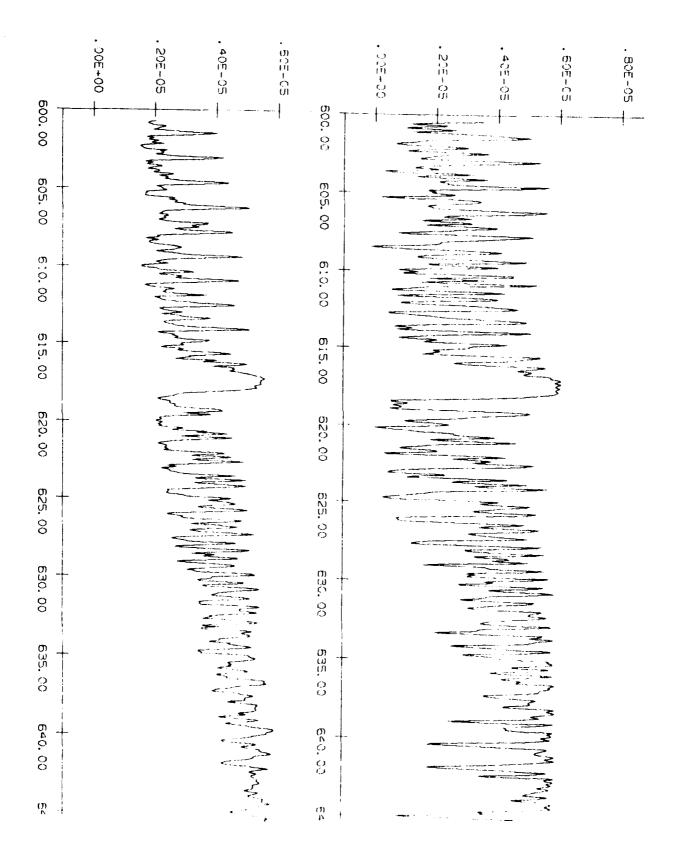
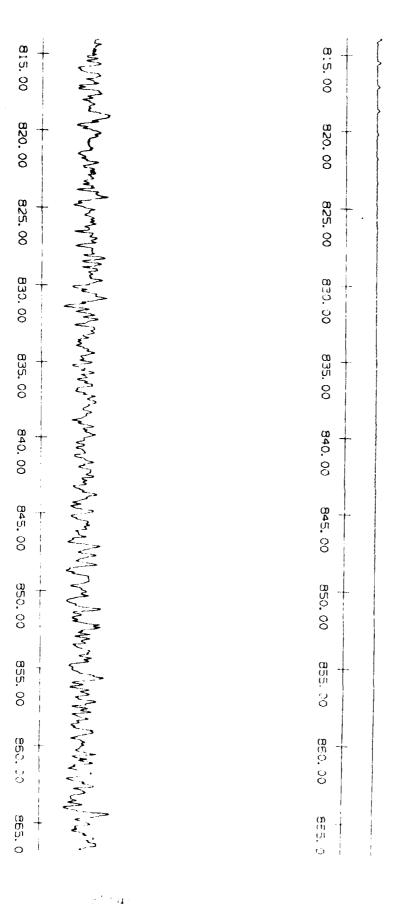


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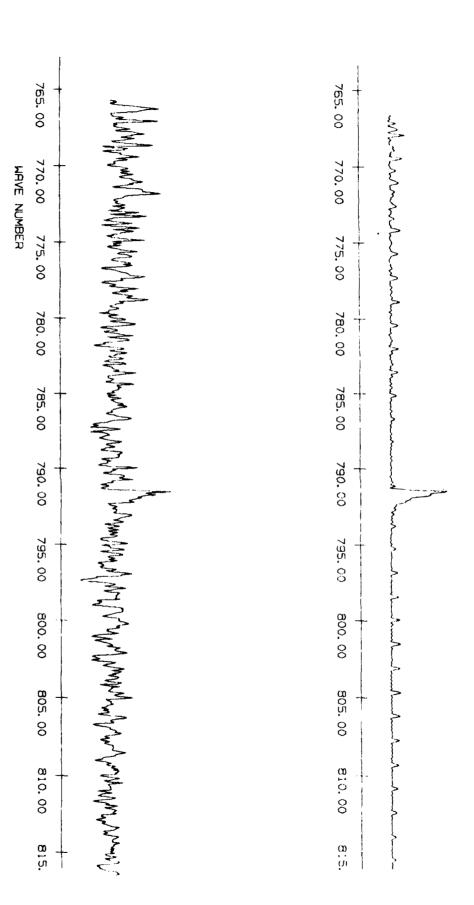


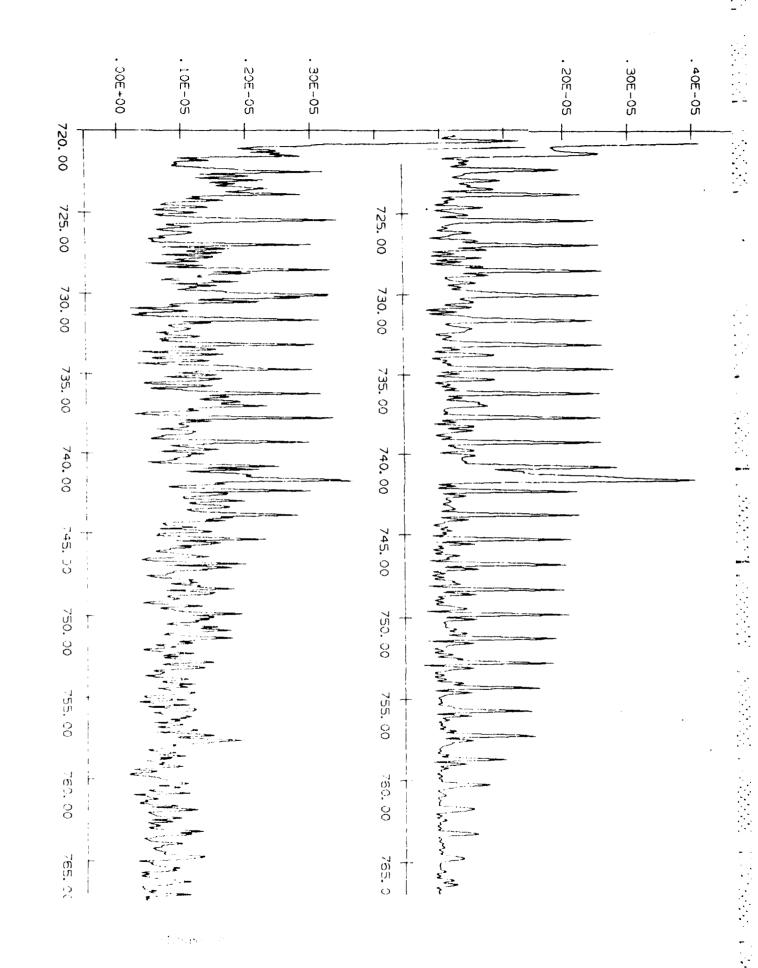
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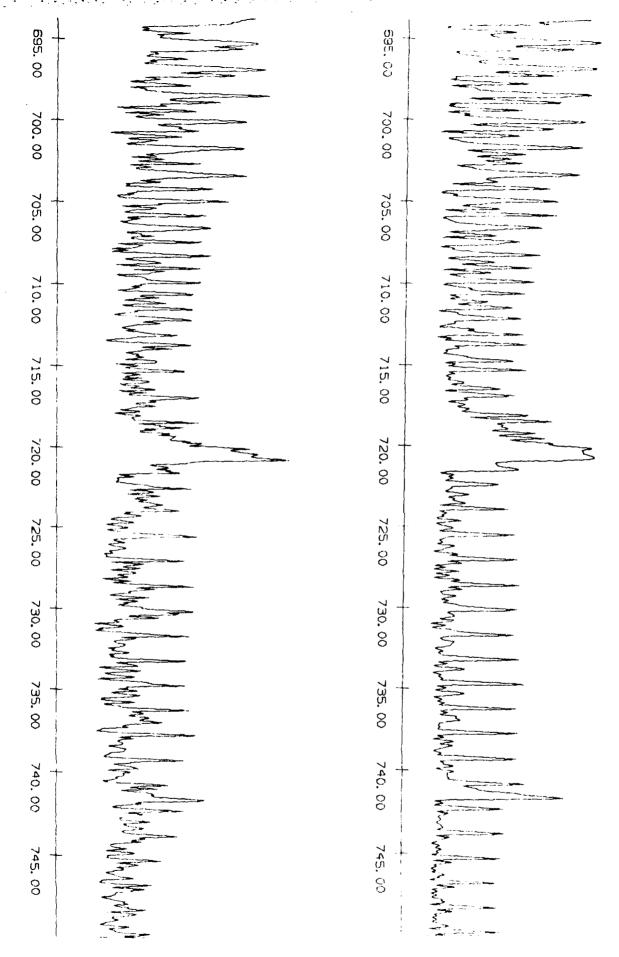
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